

MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAY 02, 2016

Council President Ricki Hastings opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Council Members present were Tom Swisher, Ron Gallagher, Don Rehner, Sean McCalmont, Matt Crytzer; Superintendent of Public Works Ken Boroski, Mayor James Swartz, Solicitor Gerald DeAngelis. John Mazurowski, Chief Jeff Swiklinski and Treasurer Rich Hill were absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES- Motion was made by Don Rehner to approve the April 04, 2016, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Tom Swisher. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT- Motion was made by Ron Gallagher to approve the Police Report as written. The motion was 2nd by Tom Swisher. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT- Motion was made by Tom Swisher to approve the Public Works Report as written. The motion was 2nd by Ron Gallagher. Motion carried.

INVOICES- Motion was made by Tom Swisher to approve the Invoices with addition of the invoices to Penn Dot for the Laneville Pump Station for the amount of \$125,082.50. The motion was 2nd by Ron Gallagher. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Motion was made by Don Rehner to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was 2nd by Sean McCalmont. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Swartz reported that Sergeant Scott Hess is resigning from the Freeport Police Department to accept a position with the Buffalo Twp. Police Department. The kids that were involved in entering into unlock cars have been caught.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- The Solicitor had nothing to report at this time.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS- Mary Bowlin and Laurie Miller from the FRA were here to share again the interest FRA has in putting bike racks on parking meters, they would like to put 20 bike racks on the parking meters around the businesses to promote bikers to come into Freeport. FRA also asked Council for the use of the garage to use for the planting of flowers that are placed around town. Residents in attendance to express their concerns about the future use of the football field were Joyce Conti, Nikki Balentine, Jesse McIntyre, Casey Crytzer and Chuck Sarver. Dave Brestensky and Ryan Olesin were also in attendance representing the local baseball leagues and their interest in keeping a baseball field in town. Nick Triveri was present to express concerns about the speeding of cars on Washington Street. The Mayor reported he would have the police coverage and slow signs and speed signs put in place. There were also concerns about kids down on Second Street riding bikes and skate boards causing

problems for the residents, the Mayor said he would have more police coverage down on Second Street around the playground.

PUBLIC WORKS-Motion was made by Ron Gallagher to give stones to the FRA for the Project Hope Garden up on Fifth Street. The motion was 2nd by Matt Crytzer. Motion carried. The Paving Project is set to begin the end of June. A meeting is to be scheduled on the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) with Upper Allegheny Joint Sanitation Authority. Signage for River Park and the Courtesy Boat Dock will be going up; signs will be in reference to the Park and Courtesy Boat Dock Ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY- Motion was made by Don Rehner to sign EOC Resolution 2013-3. The motion was 2nd by Ron Gallagher. Motion carried. Motion was made by Don Rehner to authorize the Mayor to send the Police Officers for training in Naloxone. The motion was 2nd by Ron Gallagher. The motion was rescinded by Don Rehner and 2nd by Ron Gallagher.

PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY- There will be a meeting held on May 04, 2016 with Bernie Kienoski from the Fish & Boat Commission to discuss the Boat Launch Lease, in attendance will be Mayor Swartz, Solicitor DeAngelis and Council President Ricki Hastings. Motion was made by Tom Swisher to act on the DCNR Grant-Resolution 2016-4. The motion was 2nd by Sean McCalmont. Ron Gallagher voted no. Motion carried. The Freeport School District lease for the football field will end June 15, 2016. Motion was made by Don Rehner to approve Key Club request for the Riverside Park in June for the Paw Clause. The motion was 2nd by Ron Gallagher. Motion carried. Sean McCalmont opposed the motion. Harvest Community Church on Freeport Rd will be holding a Prayer Session down at the Gazebo on Riverside Park on May 05, at 6:30 P.M. till 8:00P.M. Tom Swisher reported he would like to meet with the FRA to see the locations of the parking meters that they would like to place the bike racks on. Motion was made by Don Rehner to place ten bike racks determined by Council on the locations. The motion was 2nd by Tom Swisher. Motion carried. Ron Gallagher opposed the motion.

FINANCE- There was 19 delinquent accounts posted this month. No update at this time for phone company switch. West Penn will be the electric provider; the contract with Direct Energy has ended.

PROPERTY & ORDINANCE- Sean McCalmont reported that the Mayor will get figures for the existing Ordinance 255.

PERSONNEL- There has been revision made to the Time Clock Policy. Motion made by Tom Swisher to accept the Time Clock Policy and send to the Unions. The motion was 2nd by Sean McCalmont. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ron Gallagher to leave the Police Pension Plan as is. The motion was 2nd by Tom Swisher. Motion carried.

Council called for Executive Session at 9:00 P.M. to discuss hiring Police Officer.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:17 P.M.

Council President Ricki Hastings reported that no straw votes were taken; action was taken to hire a Part-Time Police Officer.

Motion was made by Tom Swisher to hire David Antal as Part-Time Police Officer with a starting rate of \$14.50 per hour and 180 days probation period. The motion was 2nd by Ron Gallagher. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tom Swisher to accept the resignation of Sergeant Scott Hess. The motion was 2nd by Sean McCalmont with regrets.

A motion was made by Don Rehner at 9:20 P.M. and 2nd by Sean McCalmont to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.